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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Cedell A. Alexander et al.

Before the Examiner:

Justin M. Philpott

Serial No.: 09/513,518

Group Art Unit: 2665

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IBM Corp.

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Title: PORTABLE NETWORKING INTERFACE METHOD AND

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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action having a mailing date of March 14, 2003 (Paper No. 3), with a three-month shortened statutory period for response set to expire on June 14, 2003, please amend the above-identified Application as follows:

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.8

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